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ONE DAY'S LOAFING DOWN THE CLINCH

Visits Made to Richlands, Cedar Bluff and Raven and Old Acquaintances Renewed—Activity in Business Shown.

I "took a notion" last Monday morning "to knock off" and loaf for one day and decided to go to Richlands and down the line and spend the day sight-seeing and recuperating. The "spring fever" had me, and I furnished a good excuse so I went, had a good day and came home on the last train feeling younger and stronger.

A trip "on the cars" is as exhilarating and pleasing to me now as it was when I was a boy. Nearly everything I like railroad travel. It loses its charms only to those who are forced to travel all the time. The conductor and trainmen sometimes get tired of it, but for the most part they love to have the road for their occupations. There is an excitement and charm about "life on the rail" from the man at the throttle and the coal heaver clear back to last coach or car, freight train as well as passenger. I always enjoy a railroad trip. Like the whirr of the wheels, the view from the car windows, the pleasant people always to be met with, old acquaintances are renewed and new ones are formed. A trip down the Clinch is always interesting at this season of the year. The green fields, herds of fine cattle, the disks and drills and plows running, the crowds at the stations who come to "see the train,"—all these engage attention, and rest a tired brain and body, too.

RICHLANDS.
My first stop was at Richlands. The town looked just the same as several years ago, the last time I was there. I noticed evidences of growth. Dr. Williams' new hospital is nearing completion, some building is going on, the merchants are selling goods, the bank has plenty of money, and everything seems hopeful. I met Jim Crabtree, of course; Spratt, the town lawyer; Squire Bailey, who isn't half as big as he looks to be; "Bill" Boggs, the same old "Bill," with that same jerk in his neck every now and then, doing a good business at the old stand. Hayton, the town jeweler, who was as busy as a bee; Woyser, one of the "leading citizens," who had a large package of stationery under his arm just received from the Clinch Valley News office; Paul Hunter and Dr. Williams, in their nice, new drug store, where they are doing their best to heal the aches and pains of the inhabitants of the town and community, and numbers of other old acquaintances of other days.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.
Of course I called at the High school to pay my respects, and had the pleasure of a few minutes talk with the busy and efficient principal, Miss Evans. She has a fine school. "She is a great teacher," is what they say about her, and she seems to be a fine "manager" of boys and girls, and with her corps of teachers is doing fine work. I have a kindly interest—a sort of fatherly interest, in the Richlands school. I was the first to cheer the town ever had. Years ago, Miss Lucy Stuart and myself taught the first school in the new town, then building, in two rooms over a store, across the bridge. We had a good school, they said. After this a school building was erected elsewhere and the present fine school has resulted. I often think of the crowd of bright boys and girls we had in that school and wonder where they are and what they are doing.

I had my dinner at Mrs. Ball's hotel and enjoyed it, for I was hungry. Mrs. Ball and her daughters are keeping a good house. I dropped in to shake hands with Mr. Sexton, proprietor of the Richlands Hotel. His wife is a Botetourt county woman—a Miss Rogers before marriage, from Buchanan, Botetourt county, who is "clanish," and inevitably find each other.

DR. CUNNINGHAM'S AUTO.
Finishing my stay in Richlands, I had determined to tramp up to Cedar Bluff, about three miles, when a streak of good luck struck me. Dr. Cunningham, partner of Dr. Williams, was cranking his new Ford, starting to Cedar Bluff. There was a vacant seat which was kindly accorded me, and so, I enjoyed the trip over a very rough road, made pleasant, however, by skilful driving and pleasant company. Dr. Cunningham has been driving his car only about three weeks. One day he attempted to turn on the gasoline, work a couple of levers and change the gears and do several other things at the same time, and the first thing he knew he was jammed against a fence or pole or something, and one side of his auto's face battered in. But he has learned how now, and works only one lever at a time. Dr. Cunningham is a Washington county man, and said to be a fine physician.

AT CEDAR BLUFF.
I dropped in to shake hands with my old friend, Mr. T. A. Repass, sr., and his wife and daughters. It is always a pleasure to meet these cheerful old folks and bright daughters. Mr. Nixon, the merchant was in fine fettle, and "to be seen the editor," and handed him a check. Emmett, Scott, Dick Hatcher, always in a good humor, were busy. Hatcher passed me a check, too, which I didn't know "was comin' to me." Scott did not, for the reason, perhaps, that his wife hadn't sold much butter lately.

Mr. Steele, cashier of the new bank, is a handsome business fellow, and said the bank is doing well, and will do better as the years go by.

AT RAVEN
The west bound train coming along about this time, I doubled back and stopped off at Raven, the home of Geo. R. McCall, and other good folks. Tom Himes, the insurance man of Tazewell, was along, also, and "Windy" Brown, who was as mad as a wet hen because some of his plans had failed

to materialize, and, of course he did a lot of talking. But he got over it and felt better after turning loose one of his mean jokes. I met Mr. and Mrs. Hearn, merchants, doing a nice business, and they ordered a lot of nice stationery. At the depot I met Mrs. C. E. Lawrence, who lives at Blue-stone junction. Her husband is section foreman. She was a Miss Lambert before marriage, and is a niece of Mayor J. N. Harman, of this town. Here again luck was with me. Mrs. Lawrence said she owed for her paper and passed over a "batwing" and a half. She had been on a visit to Raven, and was returning home with her two splendid boys.

This "gossip" must end somewhere, and this is a good place to stop.

J. A. L.

NEWS OF GRATTON.

Gratton, April 12.—Rev. Mr. Spring field his regular appointment here Sunday.

Misses Osa Crabtree and Grace Burne, who are attending the Tazewell High School, spent the week end with their parents, and returned on Monday.

Miss Freda Nidermaier spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Buchanan.

Miss Dora Bourne spent Saturday afternoon with Misses Pearl and Jean Bourne.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Jones and left a girl.

Mrs. J. T. Keese, of Lefty Valley, has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ida Thompson.

Miss Ada Thompson visited her sister, Mrs. L. C. Buchanan Saturday.

Mr. J. Floyd Gillespie was a business visitor to Tazewell Saturday.

Miss Jean Bourne visited her cousin, Myrtle Bourne Thursday afternoon.

FRANK AKERS DEAD.

Frank Akers, 33 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Akers, died at his home here last Friday night. Funeral and burial services were conducted by Revs. Platt and Arrowood on Sunday afternoon. Interment was made in the new cemetery.

The following tribute was written by lefty who knew him intimately, and read at the funeral by one of the ministers, and handed us with the request for publication:

"If Frank Akers had been a neighbor of Robert Burns his passing would have inspired a poem; for he had all the qualities of heart and mind so much admired and so sweetly praised by the great Scottish poet. If an honest man is the noblest work of God, he was one of the Maker's finest creations. In the sphere in which he was created to live he moved like a king. Like the village blacksmith in Longfellow's poem, he looked the whole world in the face for he owed not any man. As he lies now at rest at the end of his brief life of thirty-three years of honest and unceasing toil, it can be said truly of him that not once in all his life did he slight or shirk the work his hands found to do. He labored with a conscience and an aim and was always to be found in front. He wrought the best he could. "One of his finest attributes was a noble independence of mind. His simple, strong soul was never degraded by charity."

He was loyal, truthful, brave and industrious. His energy was unquenchable and fidelity to duty was as a living spring flowing from his heart, glorifying all the labor of his hands. "Toil only makes the soul to shine," and his brave soul shone with a steady radiance, even after the light had faded from his eyes, and he groped in darkness among the scenes of his labors and his love.

In his blindness and his last sickness he was not heard to whimper or complain. He bore his misfortunes with the fortitude and heroism of a Viking. He died as he had lived, unashamed and unafraid. Of the sweat of his brow did he eat bread and care for those he loved; he has crossed the river and is at rest in the shade of the trees."

CABBAGE PLANTS.

The editor has another box of frost proof cabbage plants for the distribution among the gardeners who may want a few early cabbages. This is the last order, and first come first served. Price at the office, ten cents per dozen plants. By mail, 12 cents. Put the plants out at once. Before doing so, immerse them in hot, strong soap suds for a few seconds. In other words, baptize them after the regular Baptist and Bible fashion. This will rid them of insects usually found on early plants. A baptism of soap suds is helpful to plants, and occasionally to folks, too.

WIFE OF COLORED MINISTER DEAD.

Mrs. Sarah A. Dickerson, wife of the Rev. G. M. Dickerson, pastor of the Christian church, colored, in this town, died suddenly of heart failure last Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The burial service was from the Christian church on Saturday afternoon, and interment was in the new cemetery. Elder J. R. Louderback, of Roanoke, conducted the service, assisted by Elders G. F. Tipton, of Graham and C. H. Dickerson, of Nickolsville, Ky. Besides a husband, deceased leaves one sister, Mrs. Laura Harris, of Tip Top, and seven children, four sons and three daughters, the eldest nineteen and the youngest three years old.

She was a daughter of Augustus Higginbotham, of Mud Fork, a consistent and useful member of the Christian church for the past twenty-five years; a faithful wife and devoted mother, and her death is deeply regretted and sincerely mourned by a large number of her friends and acquaintances.

Want a Nice Cow?

Two good cows, one part Jersey and part Holstein, 6 years old, one purebred Jersey, 7 years old. One was fresh four months ago, the other to be fresh in June. If you want either or both of these cows, call or write "A" care the News office for further particulars.

COUNTY TO CARE FOR DRUG USERS

Supervisors Appropriate \$500 to Send Habitués to Marion Hospital For Treatment—Towns Must Care For Own.

The Board of Supervisors of the county have appropriated \$500 to go to the temporary relief of the large number of dopers of the county, who have been effected by the operation of the Harrison law, which became effective on March 1st. The Board, in its regular session on Tuesday, adopted the following resolution:

"It being brought to the attention of the Board by the Tazewell County Medical Society and physicians and druggists of the county that there are divers persons in the county, outside of the incorporated towns, who are addicted to the use of narcotics, and on account of the operation of the late federal law in operation March 1st, 1915, are placed in great distress, and who are financially unable to pay for treatment, and the Southwestern State Hospital having agreed to care for and treat such persons for \$25.00 per month each, provided the transportation charges to and from the hospital be paid by the county, which terms of treatment appear to this Board to be reasonable. Therefore, it is ordered by this Board that the sum of five hundred dollars, (\$500.00) out of the revenues for the support of the poor be, and the same is, hereby set aside as a special fund out of which shall be paid the transportation expenses and expenses of treatment of such persons of the county who have legal residence in the county and who are financially unable to pay for such treatment, and the clerk of this board on the approval of the president and secretary of the Tazewell County Medical Society of such persons to said hospital, and this board will pay the expense of treatment and return transportation out of said special funds on presentation by said hospital of proper account therefor."

The Board of Supervisors made the following appropriations on Tuesday to the paupers of the county: Jake Dunford, \$50; Richard Combs, \$19.71; Sarah Christian, \$50; Mrs. Belle Jackson, \$21.32; James Smith, \$8.60; Susan Robinson, \$50; W. B. Steele & Co. for F. B. Dye, \$60; Amos Walk, \$40; Susan Osborne, \$7.44; Eliza Keen, \$20; Lizzie Christian, \$10; R. A. Martin, \$22.17; Wade Baylor, \$10; James Hoback, \$60.

DOPE FIENDS BECOMING CRAZY.

Reports from the insane asylums are to the effect that a large number of patients are being sent to those institutions who are crazed from the fact, that under the new Federal law which went into effect on March 1st they are unable to obtain the dope they have been accustomed to take. Some of these, it seems, may respond to treatment, while others are less hopeful.

This is bringing to light what few people had previously recognized, the large number of people who are addicted to the use of drugs. But few had imagined how serious this had become, what a large number of people were users of dope in one form or another. People who reside in the country districts see but little of this using of dope and are unable to understand why its use has become so common among so large a number.

Of course the new law is a good one. It may work hardship upon some, some may die for the need of the drug, but upon the whole the country will be benefitted. Future generations will be unable to secure the dope so easily and therefore become the less liable to contract the evil habit.—Blackstone Courier.

A Stupid Question.

Editor Herald Courier:
"What can be said of a President who permits thousands of men to remain idle?"

The text above I found in the Literary Digest, copied from a great New York paper. And granting that any "string of words" is as good as another wherewith to maul the President, this might be said in the vernacular to take the rag off the bush. This same writer, very probably called Cleveland a wife-beater, for his remote ancestor possibly was in the mob that gathered to stone the Woman of Samaria. The gentle Christ who wrote in the sands while the hypocrites slunk to the shadows knew that the carper is always meaner than the sinner.

But all this only brings us back to consider the ineffable stupidity of the question that heads this letter and the "p" cussedness" that prompted it. That the editor of a great paper should propound it and a "Compiler of Public Opinion" give it circulation only proves that mankind is still as brutally stupid as he was in the beginning and the Great Atonement a fruitless sacrifice.

Men have been idle since the world was peopled and one class began to work and the other to shirk. Even the Savior was followed from place to place by a multitude, and these were gathered from the byways and the hedges. The Omnipotent and merciful accepted the inevitable and inspired the expression, "the poor ye have with you always." And the idle are usually either very poor or very rich.

What else can the President do but "permit" the idle thousands to remain idle? Could his predecessor prevent the same condition? Could Mr. Taft's predecessor prevent it, or his predecessor, and so on through the ages? That Mr. Wilson has performed near miracles doesn't argue that he can change the immutable laws of nature! That he snatched the people's money from the temple thieves doesn't argue that he can use it in schemes to give work

to bums and beats, and surely he deserves no censure that they are not enlisted in an "army of aggression" like the bums and beats of Germany and Austria.

That many good men are idle, or rather unemployed, is unhappily true, but that this arises from conditions the President could not control is equally true. His splendid effort to give a hundred thousand employment on merchant vessels under the American flag was defeated by a Republican filibuster that is now acknowledged to have been in the interest of the classes and against the masses and was urged by the same hand that penned the inquiry that heads this protest. The writer of it might with the same propriety hold Wilson responsible for his own hopeless stupidity as for the fact that thousands are idle.

HARRY M. SMYTHE.
North Tazewell, April 12.

SHAWVERS MILLS NEWS.

Shawvers Mills, April 12.—The farmers are very busy sowing oats.

Mrs. Myrtle Belcher is recovering from a spell of neuralgia.

Misses Rose and Jennie Pearl Wagner of Bluefield spent the Easter with Miss Josephine Dunigan.

Little John and Fred Slade, of Bluefield, spent Easter with their grandparents.

Walker Shawver spent the week end with grandparents in West Graham.

Mr. Robert J. Kidd is able to call on his friends, after several weeks of serious illness.

Mrs. Mary Rubble, of East Graham, was visiting her old home place this week.

Mr. Wright, of Bluefield, delivered an interesting sermon at the Christian church Easter Sunday, which was enjoyed by all present.

The farmers of Clear Fork are singing praises over the prospect for the road over the mountain to Graham.

The mission band will render a program at the church on the 13th at 3 p. m.

News of Asbury's.

Mr. Ed. Ellis, who was taken to Bluefield for treatment for rheumatism has returned home. His many friends are glad to hear he is improving.

Rev. Mr. Mort filled regular appointment at this place the first Sunday, and preached a very interesting sermon.

Mr. W. T. Correll, and Stella Correll, who are in Tazewell for treatment for pneumonia, are rapidly recovering. Mrs. Correll and children spent Sunday and Sunday night with Mr. Correll.

Mrs. Lizzy Hoops, spent Tuesday night at the home of her uncle Mr. H. B. Edmonds.

Sylvanus the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Goodwin who has been very low with pneumonia, is on the road to recovery.

Mr. Walter Cregar is visiting his brother-in-law at Chatham Hill this week.

Dr. W. O. Neel, who has had a severe attack of pneumonia is thought to be some better at this writing.

Mr. D. A. Vanhooser of Canabake, W. Va., was called to the 1 d side of his father Mr. W. P. Vanhooser the first of the week. His wife and little daughter accompanied him.

Mr. John Asbury, and Grandson Tonny Asbury of Little Valley spent Sunday night with his sister, Mrs. Margaret Lambert, Mr. Asbury was on his way to Tazewell and was accompanied by Mr. A. J. Lambert.

Mr. Wm. Walk who has been clerking for Neel Brothers has returned to his home in Thompson Valley, where he expects to take up farming for occupation. Mr. James B. Neel has taken charge of the store.

Mr. W. P. Vanhooser, who has been critically ill with pneumonia is thought to be improving at this time.

Little Andrew Hale, who has been real sick with pneumonia, and bronchitis, is very much improved.

Mr. T. B. Asbury made a business trip to Little Valley Monday.

NEWS OF STEELSBURG.

Steeleburg, Va., April 13.—Mr. Robert Steele, a very old man, is ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. C. Witten.

Mr. A. W. Griffiths and Mrs. Ball attended the burial of their aunt, Mrs. Mary B. Linkous at Hankins last Thursday.

Mrs. Lussie Pruett and niece, Miss Vivian Sparks, spent from Friday to Sunday with Mrs. A. W. Griffiths.

Mrs. Floyd Duff visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Blankenship from Friday until Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. W. Oney was visiting relatives at Sword's Creek last Thursday.

Mrs. Ed. Lester and sister, Mrs. Mollie Johnson, spent last Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Ellen Lester. Mrs. W. C. Stephenson has been on the sick list for a few days.

Mrs. T. A. McGuire and children were visiting friends here last week.

Mrs. J. B. Jackson spent last Saturday with Mrs. Ocie Jackson.

Mrs. J. H. Martin made a short visit to Cedar Bluff today.

We saw in the last issue of the News that Mr. J. H. Nipper is a candidate for Supervisor, and would be glad if he could be elected so that we could get some roads in our community.

The grass is beginning to grow some since the recent rains.

"PROTECTING OUR OFFERING TO GOD."

During the discussion of the above topic at the Methodist church next Sunday morning the pastor will have something to say about dances, cards, moving pictures and theatres. The subject promises to be of general interest and it is expected that a large congregation will be present. Good music is promised.

DEDICATION DAY.

It has been definitely settled to hold the dedication service of the new Methodist church the second Sunday in May. Rev. E. E. Wiley, D. D., will preach the sermon.

GAP IN THE COVE ROAD MUST REMAIN

Russell County Wants to Help Tazewell Complete the Macadam From Bluefield to Bristol—Tazewell Broke.

Mr. A. H. Pettigrew, division superintendent of roads, with headquarters in Bristol, and Mr. Thos. J. Smith, a member of the Board of Supervisors of Russell county, were here Tuesday in conference with the Board of this county in reference to the completion of the macadam road in this county beyond Henry Coppenhaver's—a distance of about five and a half miles, which was not provided for in the bond issue.

Mr. Pettigrew presented a resolution recently passed by the Russell County Board, in which Russell county was pledged to complete its road to the Tazewell county line if Tazewell would complete the section of road mentioned to the Russell line. Mr. Pettigrew mentioned the advantages that would come to both counties by the completion of this road—in giving a macadam road almost all the way from Bluefield to Bristol.

Supervisor Lowe, in whose district, Maiden Spring, this gap of road lies, stated that the completion of this road at this time was an impossibility for various reasons, the first and main one being that the district had no money in hand for the purpose; another, that the convict camp has been promised to the northern part of the county, which has not received its just share of the roads. The camp will be moved in about 3 days.

The matter of completing this road was discussed at length, but no plan was suggested that was thought feasible other than another bond issue in Maiden Spring district. The matter will likely be taken up and discussed at a future time.

Arrangements have been completed by Dr. M. R. Crockett and others interested to close the gap of uncompleted road near the home of William McNeil west of town. The citizens of the Cove, together with citizens of this town and community, have raised sufficient money by private subscription to complete the road, which will be done at once. After this gap is closed it will be possible to travel from a point beyond Shawvers Mills to Coppenhaver's in the Cove without getting off of macadam road.

Fifty-sixth Anniversary.

The phone rang on Wednesday morning and when one of the boys answered he said some body wanted to speak to the Editor. I went to the phone and called out "Hello, who is this?" Henry Hampton was at the other end of the line, and when I asked what he wanted, said, "I want you to come over and eat dinner with me to-day! Of course I was 'Agreeable' and so stated and I went. I was not the only favored citizen I found. There were others, Chas. H. Peery, Wm. Britts "Pat" Beavers, myself and later Jeff Ward, and later still Jno. D. Peery. The occasion was the celebration of Mr. Hampton's 56th birthday, and these old friends were invited to share a splendid 12 o'clock dinner. In addition to this crowd of more or less (some less) handsome men, were a number of handsome (no "less") about these women present to lend dignity and charm and cheer to the occasion. There were Mrs. A. G. Kier, Mrs. John D. Peery, Mrs. Wm. Britts, Mrs. C. H. Peery and Mrs. C. D. Larimer. These, with Mr. and Mrs. Hampton, and their splendid daughters, and Ray Wall, and the five men above mentioned, not forgetting several beautiful children, made up the party, who sat down to dinner, and to say that the occasion was a pleasant one is stating it only too mildly.

And that dinner! Well, I am regarded as having some small ability when it comes to describing elaborate spreads, but here is one instance where I would "fall down" if I attempted such a thing, and I won't risk what little reputation I have along this line. Ask me what we didn't have if you will but not what we did have. There seemed no end or limit to the splendid dishes prepared. They kept coming and coming, and when the "no more, I thank you" was bound to be said, there seemed to be as much left as when we began. Run your eye over the list of the names of the men who assaulted that dinner and remember that there seemed to be little or no diminution of the quantity at the close, and you get some idea of its abundance.

Mrs. Hampton is a country woman, born and reared, and live for years in the country, and has lost none of her country notions as to what a dinner should be since moving to town some years ago. Suffice to say, we all had a good time socially as well as otherwise, and the function was a great success.

Mr. and Mrs. Hampton have a nice pleasant home and are, or should be, free from care and worry as to this world's goods. The wish was heartily expressed that Mr. Hampton may yet see many returns of this pleasant occasion. "Pat" Beavers, who was present, is, exactly, to the day, of Mr. Hampton's age, and this was a sort of joint celebration. It was understood that the next "celebration" would take place at his house, one year hence, and may we all live and be able to be present!

J. A. L.

Evangelist Bridgers to Hold Meeting Here.

Rev. R. R. Platt, pastor of the Methodist church, has just received a letter from Rev. L. B. Bridger, whereby an engagement for the evangelist at Tazewell is sealed. The meeting will begin in June.

HOW WOULD THIS DO?
A Virginia editor threatened to publish the name of a certain young man who was seen hugging and kissing a girl in the park unless his subscription to the paper was paid up in a week. Fifty-nine young men called and paid up the next day, while two even paid a year in advance.—Blackstone Courier.

BOARD OF TRADE MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Tazewell-North Tazewell Board of Trade will be held at the Court house on next Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m. It is urgently requested there be a full attendance of the members and all others interested in the development of this section.

By order of the president.
W. G. O'BRIEN, Secretary.

NORTH TAZEWEILL NOTES.

Mrs. Estill Ireson and her bright little daughter, of North Tazewell, are visiting Mrs. Ireson's old home in Washington county.

Mr. John D. Peery, who bought the Fudge meadow some time ago, has plowed up the alfalfa to its uttermost roots, and will reset it in the same crop.

That charming matron, Mrs. Helen Porter, nee Fudge, has been for some days visiting her sisters, Mrs. H. G. Peery and Mrs. Dr. Hall.

Mr. Elgin Whitley returned Wednesday from a periodical trip to Elk-horn, where he has some interests.

Mr. Bee Gillespie is gradually recovering control of his coal mine in the east end and regaining his strength after serious illness.

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN.

One white terrier dog, with brown spot around one eye, cropped tail, answers to name of "Rats." Reward will be given for his return to B. W. Strain.

LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S SUITS CLEANED.

Hats For Ladies and Gentlemen Cleaned and Reblocked as good as new.

Ladies, if you have an old hat you wish to retrim and bring it back to its color, make it as good as new, send it to me, and I will make it as good as new. All work guaranteed.
ALEX. DICKENSON.
We also clean rugs and druggets.

CALAMITY HOWLERS, READ THIS.

The following is an editorial from the New York Tribune, the strongest Republican paper in the United States "CANT COUNT ON CALAMITY"
"Nowhere so completely, so brazenly, as in this State have the whole fortunes of a party been shaken up on this single card; no where have Republican leaders gambled so recklessly as at Albany."

But now there is every sign that one of the elements on which the Republican leaders in this State relied is rapidly disappearing. So far as man can now foresee, we shall not have hard times to make Republican votes in 1916. On the contrary there is a plain promise that by that time a measure of prosperity unexampled in a decade will have returned to this country. One of the main reliances of Republican leadership will have gone glimmering."

MORE ROAD BUILDERS.

A large number of prisoners were taken from the county jail yesterday morning to the penitentiary at Richmond. The following were in the company.

R. S. Taylor, 10 years; Richard Vance, 1 year; Tom Flood, one year; J. H. Johnson 3 years; Will Hartson, 1 year; George Shears, 3 years; Young Mago, one year.

It was discovered a week ago that a saw had been smuggled into the jail and another effort made by the prisoners to escape.

Watch Out For Your Saw Dust.

Commonwealth's Attorney J. W. Harman calls attention to the fact that a number of complaints have been received by him that people in the county are violating the laws by throwing sawdust in the streams and killing the fish. He wishes us to state that he will put the matter before the next grand jury, and it is likely that a number of indictments will be returned.

R. P. Shawver, a progressive young man of the east end, was here on yesterday and called in to interview the bookkeeper.

Cole & Carden the well known millers, of Christiansburg, have bought the Star Milling Company at North Tazewell, and have taken charge of the business.

J. B. Peery, the well known colored man of North Tazewell, called at this office Monday and squared up his subscription account.

We have it from a reliable source that the promised drought at Pocahontas will not materialize. The council of that town have about reached an agreement as to the number of licenses that shall be granted, and will in due time apply to the court for ratification.

Mr. Allie Moore left last night for her home in South Carolina. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. A. B. Buchanan, who will spend sometime in the South.

Mrs. Early St. Clair, of Goodwyn's Ferry, arrived yesterday afternoon and will be the guest of Mrs. Henry E. Harman for a few days.

Nice Residence For Sale.
House of 8 rooms, 2 story, metal roof, water in the house, acetylene lights, some fruit and necessary out-buildings. About 3/4-acre in lot, on car line in good community. Price \$2,750. Terms and payments to suit. For particulars, call or write News office. 4-9-tf.

FREE AIR, NOT "HOT AIR"

We have placed an order for a motor driven air compressor and we are going to furnish air to our customers free of charge, they will find this air much cheaper and much more useful than our "Hot Air."</